From the group separated from the main group :

Pennsylvania

10/1/55	1 sh	fine
"	5 sh	very fine
1/1/56	20 sh	abt.very good repaired
4/25/59	50 sh	v.g.
5/1/60	15	v.g.
6/18/64	6d	v.g.
"	5 sh	v.g.
4/25/76	6d	fine

North Carolina

5/10/80	$25	v.f.

From the remainder of the group:

Pennsylvania

3/10/57	good repaired	20 sh
3/10/69	2½sh	torn in half and sewn
3/20/71	20 sh	v.f.
3/20/73	6sh	fine
7/20/75	30 sh	v.f.
4/20/81	5sh	fine.

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PHONES PLAZA 7-5245-6

January 14, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Enclosed you will find a very condensed and abbreviated list of the Nagy material in the Smithsonian. I have marked the items listed therein of interest to me.

This list was made up by Walter Breen and Lester Merkin, the latter representing Mrs. Bullowa, Monday in Washington. It was done rather hurriedly but everything involved is listed. Many of the descriptions make the items seem like considerably less than they actually are.

The material that I am interested in is worth $5,150 to me. Under extraordinary circumstances I could increase this amount a bit, but would certainly not want to do so. The $25 Templeton Reid in Gold (together with all the other trial impressions) does not in any way resemble the Reid 1830 and 1849 Eagles in the National collection. I am figuring this queer gold piece at a maximum figure as I am all the other items that I would wish to retain personally.

In so many words, if a payment of $4,850 could be made to either Mrs. Bullowa or the Smithsonian, this deal could be wrapped up. If you are interested in working it out, I would appreciate that payment be made through me, so that if anything might go wrong, I could return your payment to you thus nullifying the whole transaction. The chance of this happening is very remote, but I must be sure that I can unload the undesirable material that I am interested in, thereby financing part of my end. I hope that this is all clear to you.

I want you particularly to know that with your cooperation this deal can be consumated. If you have any questions please call me. I shall be in the office on Thursday, January 15th, at home Friday, the 16th, as well as over the weekend. I expect to be in the office all of next week.

Of course, this entire matter must be kept confidential.

Have you made any progress on the extended, across the board, "Introduction to U. S. Coinage" for the new Standard Catalogue?

Let me hear from you! Very best personal regards.

Sincerely,
NEW NETHERLANDS COIN CO., INC.

John J. Ford, Jr.

JJF/db

Rare Coins, Medals & Paper Money - Bought & Sold

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TO MR. ERIC P. NEWMAN

SHIPPED VIA CM DATE JAN. 14, 1959

QUAN.	DATE	DENOM.	CONDITION	REMARKS	AMOUNT
12	1885-95	—	CHOICE	K & A PRINTS @ $5.	$ 60. —
5	"		VF	" " SLIGHT FRAYING @ $4.	20. —
4	"		FINE	K & A PRINTS PARTLY TORN @ $3.	12. —
2	"		FAIR	K & A PRINTS BADLY TORN NC	— —
				TAX	
				POSTAGE	
					$ 92. —

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January 20, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

As per the enclosed invoice, we are sending you the remainders of the Kurz and Allison Civil War and related colored lithographs.

In going over these, and wrapping them up (a most difficult job), I saw a couple that I thought would go well with the ones that I already have in my living room at home, and assuming that you would not mind, retained a set for myself. Mrs. Neary also liked one, some kind of a Naval Review, which was slightly torn.

I have priced these to the best of my recollection of our conversation, and feel that they are worth at least 2½ times as much retail. If there is any disagreement or adjustment needed re the pricing, please let me know.

I think that framed, these should easily bring $20. or more each, particularly in view of the ever growing interest in the Civil War.

I hope that you will not be too angry that I took a set out for John, I know that you won't be about Mrs. Neary!

Very best personal regards.

John J. Ford, Jr.

JJF:dn

January 20, 1959

Mr. John J.Ford, Jr.
176 Hendrickson Avenue
Rockville Centre
Long Island, New York

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of January 14, 1959 and the list therein contained. At the time I received it I also received a letter from C.J. Dochkus, as follows: "Is it true you bought the Nagy collection here in Phila. He stuck me on Mass.& Calif. Was there 7 more in lot of other coins Got any duplicates to sell me"? Then I got a 'phone call from Stefanelli and had a pleasant chat with him.

I have studied and restudied the list of items and, frankly, I feel that I must drop out of the matter as most of the material which you are not taking consists of photographs, cardboard impressions, medallic items, electrotypes, and above all many items which might be interpreted to be the property of the mint. I certainly would like to see Smithsonian acquire the material which you do not want but, frankly, I have to get some pleasure out of giving them. In this situation I hesitate to have anything to do with the transaction and I do not believe that anyone would take the risk of offering these for sale publicly. Why should I risk a lot of questions and investigation just to be a nice fellow? The same applies to you. You are getting a queer bunch of stuff too. If you can't get a big price for the XXV Templeton Reid then why mess with it.

I know how enthusiastic you are to acquire the private gold pieces but why get involved in this mess. Buy what you want only. I did not know that Mrs.Bullowa was the owner of the material until you wrote me and I do not believe she will offer these items publicly.

Sorry it is so messy, but I am sure you see my point of view.

I will start the introduction shortly.

Best regards,

EPNewman/atb

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January 23, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

This is just a note to inquire if you have made any progress on "Introduction to U.S. coins" for the next edition of the Standard Catalogue.

Also, please let me know what you think of our "Smithsonian" deal.

Finally, I would like to ask you two favors:

1. Please make a listing of what you have in Hawaiian paper of any kind.

2. Please make as detailed a listing as possible, of what you have in paper money or script from California, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico. Add to this, whatever else you might have of Mormon notes. Please include all data, including whether signed or unsigned, serial numbers and signatures. I am preparing a check list of this material, and will be glad to advise you of what I find out.

The first request is both for my own education and edification, but also can be partly used on our trade deal.

Very best personal regards.

Sincerely,

John J. Ford, Jr.

JOHN J. FORD, JR.
Numismatist
176 HENDRICKSON AVE.
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, L.I., N.Y.

January 28, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores,Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for your letter of January 20th.

I quite understand your reasons for not wanting to get involved re disposal of the Nagy Estate.

I feel that I shall take your advice, and make only an attempt to obtain the material that I am personally interested in for research and other purposes. While I would like to help out the Smithsonian, I am afraid that this is a rather involved situation. I have no intention of trying to get a big price for the "XXV Templeton Reid", in fact, if I did get it, I would give no thought to selling it under any circumstance, mostly because I have absolutely no idea of what it actually is.

I shall write you again shortly, giving you a more complete idea of what I need for the Standard Catalog. You will never know how much I appreciate what you can do for me in this connection.

Very best personal regards.

Sincerely,

John J. Ford, Jr.

JJF:dn

February 24, 1959

Mr. John J.Ford, Jr.
176 Hendrickson Avenue
Rockville Centre
Long Island, New York

Dear John:

I have had a world of work, just as you no doubt have.

As to the various open matters between us, I have the following comments:

1. You seem to have time for everything else except getting the paper money-token matter worked out and I want it taken care of promptly. I am glad to do favors for you but for such a simple thing as this delay of years is in no way justifiable.

2. As far as the Civil War pictures are concerned I, at first, was upset by the fact that the choice ones were taken out but I have recovered. Since we are giving these for the benefit of the Historical Society, I am amused by your statement that they should bring $20.00 framed. The frame itself costs that much. A check is enclosed.

3. I have never read any of the United States Mint Reports and wonder if there are some in the Edgar book business. I also need Dickeson's American Numismatic Manual - two copies, if possible, and that ought to be easy. Please advise the price, the publication date, and condition.

4. I have an undated set of Hawaiian paper money proofs, $5, $10, $20, $50 and $100. That is all I have.

5. The list of my western paper money will be forthcoming shortly.

6. Last, but not least, I will begin on the introduction of the U.S. coins as soon as I get all of my tax work out of the way.

February 24, 1959

Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.

7. I have nothing to report on the other situation. Have you?

Best regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

RPN/atb

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March 2, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for your letter of the 24th and enclosed check in the amount of $92.00.

I promise you that I will get to the paper money - trade situation just as soon as I can. It is not quite the simple matter that you make it out to be, as it involves quite a bit of tedious work. However, I am definitely going to get to it at a very early date. I have in mind making up a retail price list of obsolete paper, and of course can not begin until I square away with you.

At the price you paid for the Civil War pictures I can not see why you ~~mind~~ envy my taking out a few. I doubt if you appreciate the fact that you purchased these for even less than their wholesale price in the antique print and lithograph field. I obviously can buy frames cheaper than you can, but then I have done quite a bit of framing myself in times past. In any event, I hope that the Historical Society is happy.

Edgar does not have any decent representation of U.S. Mint Reports, but I do have a chance to buy a fairly decent run. In the next few weeks I hope to send you a sample copy or so, so you can see how dry they are to read, and so you will be able to give me some idea how interested you are in them. Dickerson's Manual is quite popular, and sells from $15.00 to $20.00 a copy. Nice condition copies are not easy to come by, and I have seen them quoted as high as $25.00. If you are still interested, I shall see what I can do, and perhaps send you something to look at. They come in two or three editions, and their value is almost entirely historical.

I have been buying up several large lots of numismatic books, mainly from "name" numismatic libraries, and have been paying through the nose. Of course, I select what I want, but isn't that always the case? My intent is to set up through "F.N.P." a clearing house for fine American Numismatic Literature. I shall see that you get advance copies of any price lists we get out. The big difference between you and I Eric, is that price does not scare me on books, and that I buy anything that I do not have, knowing full well that a day will come when I need it.

I will let you know about the Hawaiian paper money proofs, but first want to get something coming your way. Do I understand that you prefer used and signed notes in all cases to proofs, all other things being equal?

The list of Western paper money will really be very much appreciated.

Can you make the introduction to Colonial and U.S. coins, a general history of money in this country, following Dick Yeoman's introduction but making it bigger and better? I expect to reimburse you for your trouble in this matter one way or another.

We have heard nothing concerning the "other situation", but shall certainly contact you if we do.

Very best personal regards.

Sincerely,

NEW NETHERLANDS COIN CO.,INC.

John J. Ford, Jr.

JJF:dn

March 11, 1959

Mr. John Ford
176 Hendrickson Avenue
Rockville Centre
Long Island, New York

Dear John:

I just got a letter from C. J.Dochkus in which he says:

> "I never hear from you anymore.
>
> "Has anyone tried for a commission to inveigle you into buying recluse's collection here?
>
> "I got stuck for a Mass.& Cal. pc. of which I am told were 7 or 8 more left."

I thought you would be interested in this request for information which I omitted in my courteous answer.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

JOHN J. FORD, JR.
Numismatist
176 HENDRICKSON AVE.
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, L.I., N.Y.

April 1, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

On Monday, April 6th, Charles and I have a tentative appointment with Mrs. Helen Boyd's attorney, for the purpose of presenting our proposition relative to an inventory-appraisal of the Boyd numismatic estate.

I have had several preliminary conversations with Mrs. Boyd, and can tell you very little at this time. I will say, however, that she is quite cognizant of the value of the material she has, particularly in the case of the early American coins. She told me of one instance, where F.C.C. showed her a Colonial copper and said it was worth $2500.00. Do you know what this coin could be?

While this suggestion is possibly very premature, it would do no harm for you to give us some idea of exactly what you had in mind concerning this situation. I personally would like to be of whatever assistance I can, Eric, and will be willing to assist you both as a friend and as a client, providing, of course, that I can do so. Of course, these thoughts may even be presumptuous on my part, as everything is very, very tentative. Do however, let me have your ideas for the record.

Very best personal regards, in which CMW joins.

Sincerely,

John J. Ford, Jr.

JJF:dn

April 8, 1959

Mr. John Ford, Jr.
176 Hendrickson Avenue
Rockville Centre, Long Island, New York

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of April 1 indicating that you were asked to present a proposal to the attorney for the Boyd Estate with respect to inventory and appraisal. I will certainly be glad to discuss my ideas with Helen Boyd or with you at any time but it is a complicated matter, as you realize. I am sure we can all work together for the mutual benefit of everyone and still accomplish what Fred would have wanted. Eveything depends upon Helen Boyd's wishes.

I do not know what Colonial copper coin is being referred to as being worth $2500 but he might have considered the Baltimore penny in that category.

Are you planning to go to the convention in Kansas City and, if so, you could work your schedule to change planes here in St.Louis and give us a chance to talk these matters over.

Thank you, very much, for keeping me advised.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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April 17, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

I have your letter of April 9th relative to the Boyd Estate.

Without going into details now, I quite agree with you that it would be very much better to talk things over in person. Therefore, I have changed my travel plans, and will be able to spend the morning of April 27th with you in St. Louis. I do not have my exact travel schedule available as yet, but I will arrive approximately at 8 A.M. in St. Louis, and will have to take the train out at approximately 12:45 P.M.

If this is alright with you, which it had better be - damn it, we can have an extended breakfast together, and go over the whole picture.

I hope you appreciate that I am seeing you and passing up a very profitable deal in Chicago.* I know that the subject of discussion is a near and dear one to you, Eric, and I want to be able to help you in any way that I can. Please confirm at once if this time is satisfactory with you, preferrably by telephone to the office. If I am not in, Charles can advise you my exact time of arrival and the exact train that I will be on. If you do not wish to phone the office, and the time IS OK with you, just drop me a leisurely note to the Hotel Muehlebach in Kansas City.

Nothing will be done with the paper money until I get you squared away. However, I am more snowed than ever, now with this Boyd situation.

Very best personal regards.
Sincerely,

JJF:dn

John J. Ford, Jr.

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* CANCELLED OUT AN APPOINTMENT IN CHICAGO, UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER. IT REALLY WASN'T THAT IMPORTANT, ANYHOW.

Harry
Mrs Woodring
1000 Gage Blvd
Topeka.

JOHN J. FORD, JR.
Numismatist
176 HENDRICKSON AVE.
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, L.I., N.Y.

May 28, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

I certainly enjoyed our brief get together and meeting of minds, and want to report to you, that I believe that everything will work out alright, and think arrangements can be made which will be mutually satisfactory to all concerned. Unfortunately, it looks as if the whole operation will take a little time, but we would appreciate your patience.

Is the collection of Indian Peace Medals that you discussed with me, and which you said be careful of, owned by a Mrs. Porter? That is the party that we have been contacted by, and we just wondered if that is the collection you spoke to me about.

I know that you hate to let anything go under any circumstances, but I wish very much that you would consider making a trade with me and letting go of a few of your Western Obsolete Notes. I have many Missouri and other good items that you do not have, and know that I could repay you in spades for any consideration that you could give me. In this connection, I would like very much to obtain a detailed listing of your Western Notes, as I am making up an inventory of all known varieties and examples thereof, in an attempt to actually know what exists. I would appreciate very much your confirming the information I have already compiled, by telling me if you originally had the $1. Mormon Note of January 20, 1849 and if the set of three 1849 Mormon Notes, namely the $1., $2. and $3. recently obtained by you, came from book dealer Peter Decker, 45 West 57 St., N.Y.C. Speaking of Mormon Notes, you might be surprised to know that there are only <u>two</u> complete sets in existance including the 50¢ denomination, one of which I now own.

I am only interested in collecting (anything ~~of~~ IN) Western material in the Obsolete paper line, and with your cooperation, could put together a magnificent display collection. I am willing to help you in all your fields of endeavor in every way possible, and only ask your cooperation on a very few "crumbs" in return. Even if you do not want to commit yourself immediately, will you please make me a list of what you have so I can at least compare notes.

Do not forget that I am interested in anything in the Indian Peace Medals line personally that may show up.

Sincerely yours,

John J. Ford, Jr.

JJF:dn

June 9, 1959

Mr.John J. Ford, Jr.
176 Hendrickson Avenue
Rockville Centre, Long Island, New York

Dear John:

In answer to your letter,the Indian medals are owned by Mrs. Harry Woodring, 1000 Gage Blvd., Topeka, Kansas. She knows Mrs. Porter and perhaps that is the same material. I assume Mrs.Porter is from Kansas City and is the collector of Indian paintings.

You asked for my list of Western notes and the same is enclosed. Will you be kind enough to reciprocate by letting me know what Missouri notes you have.

As to your Mormon notes, your information is correct.

I am enclosing a very fascinating excerpt which I found in a newspaper recently relative to Indian medals.

Best for now.

EPN/atb

June 17, 1959

Mr. Raymond H.Hartlaub
Hughes,Hartlaub & Thorn
49 Union Place
Summit, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Hartlaub:

Mrs. Helen Boyd suggested that I write to you when I talked to her about a week ago.

As a hobby, I collect early American coins and currency and do a substantial amount of research on them. Fred encouraged me in many ways to keep writing and before he died he even asked me to write in certain fields which he thought required further study. During his lifetime I often borrowed sections of his collection as a basis for such work.

There are certain series on which I would like to do some work this fall and would like to have you give some thought as to how this might be done pending the administration of the estate. Either John Ford or Charles Wormser would be in a position to cooperate in checking out anything which might be borrowed.

This request is separate from my desire to purchase for my collection certain portions of Fred's numismatic collection if they are to be sold.

I would appreciate it if you would discuss this matter with Mrs. Boyd and let me know your thinking.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

EDISON BROTHERS STORES, Inc

June 25, 1959

Mr. John Ford, Jr.
176 Hendrickson Avenue
Rockville Centre
Long Island, New York

Dear John:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter of June 23, 1959, which I received from Mr. Hartlaub.

As you realize, I am very much interested in purchasing various portions of the F.C.C.Boyd collection and will be glad to cooperate with you in designating those in which I have a particular interest as soon as a list is available. Would you be kind enough to write me as to the schedule with respect to this list.

I will be passing through New York on July 16 and could readily talk the matter over with you at Idlewild Airport, where I expect to be waiting from 2 P. M. until 5 P.M. when our plane leaves. Would it be possible for you to meet me then?

Cordially yours,

ERIC P.NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Boyd file

COPY

July 9, 1959

Mr. John Ford
176 Hendrickson Avanue
Rockville Centre
Long Island, New York

Dear John:

Is it possible that you are going to be able to meet me on this coming Thursday when I am at Idlewild Airport? Would you let me know by return mail.

Our plane leaves at 5 o'clock and we ought to reach the airport by 2 P. M. The line we are flying on is TWA and we will be in the lobby in front of their counter.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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July 9, 1959

AIRMAIL

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for your letter of June 25th, enclosing photo copy of letter to you from Mr. Hartlaub.

It is not surprising to me that Hartlaub turned down your request to borrow material from the Boyd Estate.

The entire appraisal situation is somewhat confused, as a great majority of the coins and notes were completely fouled up, and while some listing has been done, most of the time to date has been spent in sorting and grouping material.

I am well aware of your interest, Eric, and will of course do what I can for you. However, you must appreciate that it will be a long time before there is any kind of a list. Also, we propose to dispose of some of the material as we list it, and the first group that comes to mind in this connection is a major representation of the Clarke Massachusetts silver.

I can not get to Idlewild on July 16th, as I am just too tied up. However, there is no reason why we can not have a lengthy telephone discussion at that time.

Where are you going this time? How long will you be gone? Do you know that I am going to put the screws on you for a few Western Notes?

Very best personal regards.

Sincerely,
NEW NETHERLANDS COIN CO.,INC.

JJF:dn

John J. Ford, Jr.

July 14, 1959

Mr.John J. Ford, Jr.
New Netherlands Coin Co.
1 West 47th Street
New York 36, New York

Dear John:

Your letter of July 9, 1959 was a surprise.

You know of my interest in the Clarke material, particularly in view of the fact that the only reason I did not buy it originally was not to hurt Fred's feelings because I knew he wanted it. Now you advise me that it will be one of the first items sold and do not infer that I am to have an opportunity to buy it.

I will call you when I am in New York, between planes. I find our plane does not leave until 6 P.M. on July 16 and if the airport is near enough to your home it would be worth while for you to come to see me.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

September 17, 1959

Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.
176 Hendrickson Avenue
Rockville Centre
Long Island, New York

Dear John:

I telephoned you when I returned from my vacation but you were out at Las Vegas. It was most pleasant talking to your wife.

I am somewhat disappointed at not having heard anything from you with respect to the coins or paper money in the Boyd Estate. You originally felt that I was entitled to buy the Massachusetts silver in view of my yielding to Fred when I had the opportunity of buying it and now you have told me that you have other plans with respect to it. I would like to know if anything has been done with it at all.

It is hard for me to realize that Fred has been gone over a year and, believe me, I miss hearing from him.

Would you be kind enough to bring me up to date on the current status of the Boyd coins and paper money?

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

September 30, 1959

Mr.John J.Ford, Jr.
176 Hendrickson Avenue
Rockville Centre
Long Island, New York

Dear John:

I will be in New York on the morning of October 8 and would like to hear from you on the Boyd matter promptly. As soon as I hear I can see if I can work in some time for us to be together.

I will only be in town a portion of the day.

Sincerely,

ERIC P.NEWMAN

EPN/atb

JOHN J. FORD, JR.
Numismatist
176 HENDRICKSON AVE.
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, L.I., N.Y.

October 1, 1959

(Dictated but not read)

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores,Inc.
315 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the copy of your letter of September 22nd. I think it is very nice that President West of the A.N.S. has taken cognizance of the "Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society." Somehow, in their stumbling way, the brass hats at the mausoleum locate and appreciate a real numismatist in the American field. By all means, find some way to talk at the A.N.S. If I know you, they would get a damn good run for their money, and probably realize that there is more to the U.S. field than a bunch of imbeciles buying and selling rolls and such.

I am appalled at the silence from St. Louis concerning the few items of Western paper that I am interested in. I am going to proceed with my understanding with you if you help me out or not, Eric, but I would like to work with you with a smile on my face. Let me ask, before I bore you with details, - "what gives?".

Say hello to your good wife, and explain to me what the purposes of the "Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society" really are? Perhaps you can do this while you are considering being nice to John.

Very best personal regards.

Sincerely,

John J. Ford

John J. Ford, Jr.

JJF:dn

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October 14, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Subsequent to my extended conversation with you, I sat down with Mrs. Norweb and went over her interest in the Boyd material.

You will be happy to know that she only needs a very few Massachusetts silver pieces, even fewer than I had expected. Therefore, we are anticipating being able to get together for you the second most complete collection in the country, which from a condition standpoint, will be second to none.

Upon the submission of these coins to you, we shall advise you what pieces were purchased out of the collection by Mrs. Norweb. I have every reason to believe that you will be completely satisfied with the proposition when it is submitted.

Mrs. Norweb likewise does not need a large number of the other Colonial rarities, and I am quite sure you will be happy with the material offered to you. All we need now, is time, but we are working just as fast and as accurately as we can.

Stack's have picked up, via trade from me, the set of 1849 Mormon notes purchased at the Bauer collection AUCTION last December. They price these at $1250.00 for the set of three. I have suggested to Mr. Chester B. Franz that he purchase them.

We have come across a situation which might be of interest to you. Are you familiar with the very early (1741) issue of Maryland notes which are long and rectangular in form, and which come six or so on an uncut sheet? I purchased three denominations of these some years ago and sold them to the late Wayte Raymond, and I believe, that they in turn went to F.C.C.B. I have now found out where these sheets came from when I purchased them about six years ago. They came from a couple of books, containing the original sheets and stubs which were never used. Outside of the few sheets removed and sold to W.R., I believe that these books are complete, each containing about 250 uncut sheets of these excessively rare Maryland notes. The sheets are in Unc. condition and unsigned.

Every collector of uncut sheets in the country, that is the collectors of obsolete currency in uncut sheets (which are legion) would want one of these. I would hate to be the party that breaks up the original books, and wonder if you would be interested in purchasing the books complete?

From what I understand, the books will not be cheap, but on the other hand will be very reasonably priced considering what they are and their potential.

I am offering this material to you rather than going completely commercial, as I want you to know that I am willing to play ball with you all the way. I just hope that you continue to remember that in any ball game, the ball is thrown back and forth by at least two people.

Say hello to Evelyn, and do not tell her what an S.O.B. I really am.

Very best personal regards.

Sincerely,
NEW NETHERLANDS COIN CO.,INC.

John J. Ford, Jr.

JJF:dn

October 20, 1959

Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.
176 Hendrickson Avenue
Rockville Centre
Long Island, New York

Dear John:

I promised to send you a list of the Massachusetts silver in my collection and I am forwarding the same on a separate list. Some of my pieces, naturally, are in mediocre condition and others are lovely.

I promised I would locate for you the American Bank Note Company book and it is in my boss' office but my boss is in Europe. When he comes back I will waylay him and obtain it.

I have in my possession, for examination, the Immune Columbia with the die break. I am not sure it is the coin Crosby illustrated but it certainly does not have any indication of a rusted obverse die. I will give you further thoughts with respect to it in due course but it certainly adds to the stature of your piece.

I spoke to Chester about the Mormon pieces and he told me he bought a $2 piece from you. Do you have another set in addition to the ones from the Bauer collection?

The uncut sheets of Maryland notes in such a quantity are difficult to assess. I don't think there are many collectors of Colonial sheets and many of the bank note sheet collectors do not collect Colonial sheets. Someone should buy them and sell off a few as that would not hurt the balance of them. The trouble is they can never be of any material value so long as this quantity is outstanding. You did not indicate the price in the slightest degree so there is nothing for me to consider.

As to the Boyd Colonials, it is of interest to me as to whether I am going to be permitted to pay the appraised value for estate tax purposes,or five times that amount, or what. This, of course, I will be glad to discuss with you on November 14 or November 15 when I come to A.N.S.

Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.

One thing I want clearly understood and that is that the Colonial paper money which is to be offered to me is to be intact and no one else is to have first pickings.

It was nice of you to send your best to Evelyn and if I told her what you say you really are it would reflect on me because you and I pretend to be friends. We have so many interests in common we have to be considerate of one another.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

October 29, 1959

Mr. John Ford, Jr.
176 Hendrickson Avenue
Rockville Centre
Long Island, New York

Dear John:

With respect to my trip to New York on November 14, the thought occurred to me that there will be so much confusion on Saturday, the 14th, that it would be most practicalif we could get together on Sunday, November 15. My flight leaves from the International Airport about 7 P. M.and, therefore, any time Sunday we could get together would be very practical from my point of view. I certainly hesitate to make this suggestion but it might be practical from your point of view, also. We could meet at your office, at my hotel, in Long Island, or anywhere else.

On Saturday night I have to attend a dance with my wife. Dancing is just what I need after a session at A.N.S.

Did you hear about the A.N.A. idea of republishing important articles in the Numismatist. I am on the American committee. Without rewriting or adding to some of the articles they are running the risk of dishing out more misinformation than ever. What do you think of the project?

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

JOHN J. FORD, JR.
Numismatist
176 HENDRICKSON AVE.
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, L.I., N.Y.

November 2, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for your letter of October 29th.

I expect to get to the A.N.S. on Saturday, November 14th, in order to hear your speech. However, I agree with you that there will be little time for us to have an intimate conversation at that time.

I live about 20 minutes from Idlewild, and would like very much to see you there on Sunday, November 15th. It would be easier for me to meet you at the airport than any where else. In fact, I might suggest that you entertain the idea of staying at one of the new hotels at Idlewild; limousine service is available to the City, but this is only a suggestion. In any event, I would like to see you on Sunday at Idlewild. Just let me know what your ideas are as to where and when and how.

I do not quite follow what you are trying to say about republishing important articles in "The Numismatist." Did you mean A.N.S. instead of A.N.A.? I can discuss this matter with you in detail when I see you.

Very best personal regards.

Sincerely,

John J. Ford, Jr.

JJF:dn

November 6, 1959

Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.
176 Hendrickson Ave.
Rockville Centre,
Long Island, New York

Dear John:

Thank you for your note of November 2, 1959. You were certainly right that at ANS there will be little opportunity for us to talk together as a number of people already plan to talk to me at the same time.

I cannot take advantage of your suggestion to stay at one of the new hotels at Idlewild as we have a brunch engagement at 1 o'clock in New York on Sunday which can't last more than an hour and a half and then we could go straight to Idlewild where I could meet you at perhaps 4 or 4:30 as my plane does not leave until 7 P.M. We will make that arrangement on Saturday at ANS if you get there.

As to the Numismatist republishing, I did mean the ANA. They set up a small committee to republish articles written in the Numismatist in the past. I now find that they do not wish to have them edited or revised and want to save money and have them photo'd as is. There are going to be three books - one on American coins, one on ancients, and one on foreign. Although I am on the committee I am not very enthusiastic at republishing things which are not up to date. This is like studying a science text book of fifty years ago. I thought you might have heard some of the background of this project as it apparently was discussed at Portland.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

epn/atb

JOHN J. FORD, JR.
Numismatist
176 HENDRICKSON AVE.
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, L.I., N.Y.

November 10, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Your letter of November 6th just received.

I shall be up at A.N.S. to hear your talk, but doubt if we will be able to say anything much to each other. All you have to tell me is exactly where to see you at Idlewild. I would like to get there about 4 and leave about 6 o'clock, as Joan and I plan to go out Sunday evening, that being our usual date night.

I will discuss with you the A.N.A. idea of re-publishing articles from "The Numismatist" in book form, when I see you. There is some merit to this idea, but it all depends upon how it is handled.

Enclosed you will find a page from a recent price list of books, describing a very interesting item under #7. Are you familiar with this publication? It is apparently very rare.

I hope that you plan to bring the Immune Columbia with the obverse break with you to the A.N.S. It should be left there for photography. I certainly hope that this coin proves you wrong in connection with my piece.

Very best personal regards.

Sincerely,

John J. Ford, Jr.

JJF:dn

Encl.

1. BAIDUKOV, George. Over the North Pole. The Narrative of the Russian Nonstop Flight from Moscow to the U.S.A. (Translated by Jessica Smith with a Preface by Vilhjalmur Stefansson.) Photographs and map end-papers. 12mo, cloth. London, George Harrap & Co. [1938]. $ 17.50

2. BARTLETT, W. H. and N. P. WILLIS. American Scenery; or Land, Lake, and River Illustrations of Transatlantic Nature. 118 engraved plates. 2 vols., 4to, full green hard-grain morocco, g.e. London, J. S. Virtue, n.d. $ 25.00

3. BAYARD, Colonel Nicholas. An Account of the Commitment, Arraignment, Tryal and Condemnation of . . . for High Treason, in endeavouring to subvert the Government of the Province of New York in America, by his signing and procuring others to sign Scandalous Libels, call'd Petitions or Addresses to his late Majesty King William, the Parliament of England and the Lord Cornbury now Governour of that Province . . . Pp. 32. Small folio, full red morocco, g.e., by Bedford. Printed at New York by the Order of his Excellency the Lord Cornbury, and reprinted at London, 1703. $225.00

Nicholas Bayard was Mayor of New York and a member of Governor Dongan's Council in 1685, during the second English régime.

The overthrow of Sir Edmund Andros in Boston left New York without a governor, and one Jacob Leisler temporarily usurped governmental authority. Bayard opposed him and Leisler was overthrown, captured, and hanged for high treason. During a hiatus in Lord Bellomont's tenure as Governor, Lieut.-Governor Nanfan presided, and before him Leisler's former supporters brought charges against Bayard of sedition, high treason, and mutiny. He was sentenced to death, but the succeeding Governor, Lord Cornbury, successfully interceded on Bayard's behalf with Queen Anne, who granted a full pardon.

The original New York edition was printed the previous year by William Bradford, but this London edition has the following supplementary material: the Petition to the King; the petition to the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses in Parliament; and The Account of the Treatment of Colonel Bayard, from the Time that Sentence was Passed against him. Sabin 53436; Church 809; Winsor V, p. 241.

4. BEGG, Alexander. History of British Columbia from its Earliest Discovery to the Present Time. Large folding map. 8vo, orig. cloth. Toronto, 1894. First Edition. $ 12.50

5. BLACK LIST. A List of those Tories who took part with Great-Britain, in the Revolutionary War, and were attainted of High Treason, commonly called the Black List! To which is prefixed the Legal Opinions of Attorney Generals, McKean and Dallas. Pp. 16. 8vo, cloth, partly uncut. Philadelphia, 1802. $ 37.50

First Edition. An important and interesting footnote to the American Revolution, containing the names of 492 residents of Pennsylvania who were charged with remaining loyal to Great Britain after the official outbreak of the war. Prefacing the list of names are legal opinions on the qualifications of voters, and the answer to a question: Are those persons who took the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance, or joined and adhered to the king of Great-Britain after the 4th day of July 1776, and now resident in Pennsylvania, to be considered as Citizens of Pennsylvania, and entitled to elect or be elected members of Assembly, &c.? Opposite some of the names appear such entries as: Surrendered and discharged; Tried and Acquitted; or, Tried, Convicted and Pardoned. Sabin 5679; Church 1294; Tremaine (with reprod.) 758.

6. [BLOUNT, William.] Report of the Committee of the House of Representatives of the United States, appointed to prepare and report Articles of Impeachment against William Blount, a Senator of the United States . . . Pp. vi, 16, clx. 8vo, modern boards, uncut. [Philadelphia]: Printed by John Fenno, [1797]. $ 75.00

Original Edition. The principal source of information regarding Blount's plan to attack Spanish Florida and Louisiana in collaboration with a British fleet, and thus secure them for Great Britain. At the time of the conspiracy, Blount was serving as Tennessee's first Senator, after having been Governor of the Territory. When the impeachment proceedings finally came before the Senate in 1799, they were dismissed on jurisdictional grounds. A very scarce account of one of the strangest episodes in American history. Sabin 6003; not in Evans.

7. [BORDLEY, John Beale.] On Monies, Coins, Weights, and Measures proposed for the United States. Title & pp. 25, (1). Philadelphia, Daniel Humphreys, 1789. [Together with]: A Supplement to the Essay on Monies, Coins, &c. proposed for the United States of America. Title & pp. 7. Philadelphia, Daniel Humphreys, 1790. 8vo, cloth. $125.00

First Editions. Not in Sabin and no auction records; Evans 21698 & 22368.

Well-reasoned and well-expressed arguments for the adoption of a decimal scheme not only to money but to weights and measures. Argues also against the use of the word "dollar", even though Congress had adopted it in 1785, on the ground that there were "dollars" of various other countries and values circulating extensively in the United States, and suggests the printing-press as an appropriate device on American coins. Expresses himself forcibly on aid to the poor and unemployed: "The laws provide for the poor but not for the impostor. I would provide for the poor, but they should be put to some employment." The author was a resident of Maryland for the greater part of his life, practising improved agricultural methods on his estate on an island at the mouth of the Wye River.

8. BOSTON TEA PARTY. – A Retrospect of the Boston Tea-Party, with a Memoir of George R. T. Hewes, a Survivor of the little band of Patriots who drowned the Tea in Boston Harbour in 1773. By a Citizen of New York. Woodcut frontis. Pp. 209. 8vo, orig. half cloth, paper label. New York, 1834. $ 30.00

Interesting memoir of one of the last survivors of the Boston Tea Party. Copyright issued to James Hawkes. Sabin 6778.

9. BRADSTREET, Anne. The Works of . . . in Prose and Verse. Edited by John Harvard Ellis. Pp. lxxvi, 434; 2 plates, 1 facsimile. Roy. 8vo, half morocco (worn & broken). Charlestown, Abram E. Cutter, 1867. $ 15.00

Ex-library copy, with stamps and book-plate. A sumptuous reprinting of all the extant works of Anne Bradstreet, "The Tenth Muse." Sabin 7299.

10. BRIEFE über die jetzige Uneinigkeit zwischen den Amerikanischen Colonien und dem Englischen Parlament. Pp. 108. 12mo, contemporary boards. Hannover, 1776. $ 35.00

An extremely interesting series of thirteen letters dealing with the events leading up to the American Revolution. While it is stated on the title that they are "from the English" we cannot immediately identify the originals, if any. In any event, the author is a vehement partisan of the American Colonists, stating that as the King is undoubtedly mad he should be confined with most of his Ministers until law and order are restored and the rights of the colonists established. Baginsky (quoting from a review) 590 & 660; Sabin 7930 (not seen). Palmer, *German Works on America*, p. 375 erroneously attributes the authorship to Allen Ramsay, Jr.

11. BROOKLYN, N. Y. – FURMAN, Gabriel. Notes Geographical and Historical relating to the Town of Brooklyn, in King's County on Long-Island. Pp. 116; leaf of Advertisement; leaf of Contents. 12mo, contemporary polished calf (a few leaves foxed), in half morocco slip case. Brooklyn, A. Spooner, 1824. $ 65.00

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November 24, 1959

Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.
176 Hendrickson Avenue
Rockville Centre
Long Island, New York

Dear John:

Happy Thanksgiving!

I have never seen such promptness with respect to the early-American silver. The packages arrived and are being studied. Knowing nothing about the value of these items, reliance is being placed completely on your indication that this is what was paid for the pieces. Incidentally, I think there is a mug which is part of the collection which is listed on one of the cards sent to us. Would you see if thatmmug can be located. My feeling is that these items should be bought by the Eric P. Newman Numismatic Educational Society and one of the Brasher spoons loaned out for exhibit to each of the museums which owns a Brasher doubloon. The others would make fine museum displays, also. I will set the wheels in motion so that the Foundation will have enough money to pay for the items as promptly as I can.

With respect to the old balance due New Netherlands, I believe there was a $10 credit for a fractional currency redemption certificate which was turned over to you when the Central States had its convention in St.Louis. I am enclosing a check accordingly and if not satisfactory, please let me know.

When I look back on the little irritations which have come up between us due to overwork and overenthusiasm, I realize they amount to nothing.

It was certainly interesting talking to you in New York and I hope it is the beginning of bigger and better things for both of us.

Cordially yours,

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November 30, 1959

AIRMAIL

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for your letter of November 24th.

The only reason we were more prompt in connection with the Boyd silver, is that the material required no paper work at this end; all we had to do was ship the material, which I wish were the case on all our other deals.

I have less idea of the value of the silver than you do. Fred Boyd told me that he had $1000.00 in it; at least, that is the minimum amount he mentioned - it may even have been more. Of course, that figure would only apply to the first group, and would not include the additional items thrown into the deal by Mrs. Boyd.

I called up Mrs. Boyd this morning about the mug which you feel is part of the collection. Mrs. Boyd states that this item was a baby cup with handle attached, and was given to her as a gift by F.C.C. She kept cigarettes in it, and will see if she can locate it.

In working on the appraisal of some miscellaneous Boyd books, I found two or three on silverware. These I am sending to you tomorrow, and will also throw them in with the deal. One looks quite expensive - all seem to be important reference works.

I forgot in our recent conversations, to raise hell with you about giving your duplicate 1849 Mormon note to Art Kelly. What is wrong with New Netherlands? After all, if we were not snowed by all the Raymond and Boyd stuff thrown at us, we could probably pay attention to all the minor deals that come our way.

Just as soon as I get the Boyd thing moving, and a few other things out of my hair, I am going to figure up all the miscellaneous items given us by you, and pay you in obsolete paper money.

We appreciate your check for $86.51 in respect to the old balance due New Netherlands. The $10.00 credit you speak of was deducted in April 1956, and ~~did~~ does not represent any outstanding deal of a year later, as you suggest.

Therefore, you still owe us $10.00 to close out the books. Incidentally, if we gave you $10.00 for a fractional currency redemption certificate, I must have been crazy. We have been buying this material for less than half that amount.

I hope that the shoe business is slightly less hectic than the coin business!

Joan and I sincerely wish that Evelyn and your good self had a happy holiday.

Very best personal regards.

Sincerely,

NEW NETHERLANDS COIN CO.,INC.

John J. Ford, Jr.

JJF:dn

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 8, 1959

Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.
176 Hendrickson Avenue
Rockville Centre
Long Island, New York

Dear John:

Thank you for the books on early-American silver. The checks in payment for the silver are enclosed herewith.

The Hallmarks will now be thoroughly studied and an attempt will be made to exhibit the material in appropriate places.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

By Eric P. Newman, President

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December 8, 1959

Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.
176 Hendrickson Avenue
Rockeville Centre
Long Island, New York

Dear John:

How can I possibly live up to all the things you said in your December, 1959 NUMISMA? I only hope I can live up to a portion of what you infer I might be able to do. In case I need a little reassurance, you may send me a few extra copies of the pamphlet.

The matter of the 1804 dollars is really amusing as I began to work on the 1804 dollar recently, by sheer accident, before you even knew about it, and you suggested that I work on the matter. This is what I call mental telepathy. I am enclosing my recent letter from Bolender, which clears the road.

I want to know from you just exactly how a collar fits over a coin in the early dies and also how beading was put on the dies in 1836 and thereafter as opposed to the method of putting border serrations prior to that time. I think we can prove that the dies for the 1804 dollar were made after 1836 merely by the border beading being different from the old style of border beading. It looks as though about the same number of lumps were used but they are apparently of different shape and one only gets to see the inner end of them on the 1804 dollar because of the upset edge. I would also be interested in knowing when they first started upsetting the edge.

I would also like to know whether you believe the edge letters in the 1804 dollars were rolled on first and then held in a collar and that accounts for their weakness, or whether the planchet of an old dollar was used on the 1804 dollars which have the lettered edge.

Please give me your thoughts on the foregoing.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN

JOHN J. FORD, JR.
Numismatist
176 HENDRICKSON AVE.
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, L.I., N.Y.

December 14, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

As you know, I am making up a list of Hard Times and Merchants tokens to put in the 19th Edition of the Standard Catalogue. I try to spend a day or two each week on this rather involved listing, and am presently up to Missouri on the Merchant tokens.

I thought that I would be able to make up my listing without bothering you, but find that I must see as many pieces as possible. Therefore, would you please send me your collection of Missouri Merchant tokens by return airmail? I will get them back to you within two weeks at the latest, and pay the freight both ways.

I do not need any of the Huckel, Burrows, Jennings pieces; I do not really need your Pease card, but I have discovered two major types of this, and could tell you which one you might have.

This is an emergency request, as I can not make any progress until I hear from you. I will send you photostats of my Missouri listing a week or so after I return your tokens. At that time, I would appreciate your comments and suggestions.

I hope you do not think I am too presumptuous in making this request and assuming that you will help me out, but I really do not know where to turn!

Very best personal regards.

Sincerely,

John J. Ford, Jr.

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AIRMAIL

December 14, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for your very kind letter of December 8th, together with checks enclosed in payment of the Boyd silverware. I hope that you get a lot of pleasure out of the latter, and perhaps when you have time to go over the material, you might like to let me have a really nice Brasher spoon, preferably one without engraving on the handle indicating a private owners name. If you find the deal is too tight to give me one of these, I shall be very happy to pay for same. Either way, it makes no difference to me. Please let me know if you find spoons or anything else made by any other Colonial coiner than Brasher. As you know, I am rather interested in this type of material.

We are awfully happy that you liked our write-up in "Numisma", and are sending you four additional copies under separate cover, which you can autograph and give to your friends.

As you may or may not know, Walter Breen, mainly at my instigation and prodding, has long been keeping records ~~of~~ AND all available information on the 1804 Dollars. I discussed with him on the phone the other evening, your interest, and that I thought you might end up publishing something. He replied by saying that he will give all his information to you, providing he can obtain joint authorship with you if anything is published. On the assumption that this will be alright with you, and because Breen has definitive answers to your questions, I am sending to him your letter of December 8th for reply. Hope that I am doing the right thing!

Thanks for the effort on the American Bank Note Company Book, but C.M.W. managed to pick one up for me.

In case I forget, in one of my enumerable letters to you, please let me extend to you and yours now, the very best wishes for a happy holiday season from C.M.W. and myself.

Sincerely,

JJF

JJF:cn

John J. Ford, Jr.

December 17, 1959

Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.
176 Hendrickson Avenue
Rockville Centre
Long Island, New York

Dear John:

As requested in your letter, I am sending you my Missouri tokens which is about the worst season to send a package that I could imagine. However, such are your wishes.

I am also sending all of the notes I have on Missouri tokens so that they might do you some good. Will you return all of these notes and my tokens in a few weeks, as you indicated.

As to the 1804 dollar matter, I have now enough evidence to write the matter up alone but if Walter has some substantial information which I do not have, and he naturally would, I will try to work out something with respect to joint authorship. In the event there is any difficulty at ANS or anywhere else I want topublish it, then this thought will have to be abandoned. I would also want to be free to combine with this material the facts on the Brasher Spanish Doubloons as soon as I have finished assembling those. As long as you turned my letter over to Walter I will see what he writes me about it.

With respect to the Boyd material, I will see to it that you get your piece of silverware which I presume you are not going to sell to Mrs. Norweb. It is for your personal collection and not otherwise. Now that we have broken the ice with respect to the silverware I believe the other Boyd matters ought to flow right along.

Evelyn and I wish you and Joan best Holiday Greetings.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

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November 18, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

I was over to see Mrs. Boyd yesterday, and managed to dig up the following additional items of silverware:

10 small spoons
6 medium size spoons
4 large size spoons
5 tongs
1 antique silver corkscrew

These twenty-six items are being shipped to you today under separate cover.

In order to consummate the purchase of the original lot by you, Mrs. Boyd has graciously consented to throw these in at the original price quoted.

While rummaging through some of the Boyd papers, I found the enclosed index cards, which apparently identify some of the silverware. Please accept these with my compliments.

I note from the file cards that at least one Joseph Richardson item is included, together with Brasher material. I should like to purchase from you one item from ~~any~~ each silversmith at all connected with numismatics. I have taken nothing out of this Boyd material, or in fact even examined it carefully, and thus will have to leave up to you whatever you want to ~~give~~ sell me.

I would prefer ~~a~~ large spoons, free of monogram engraving if possible, bearing the clearest possible hallmark(s). As you know, I would like to have a spoon from any one who had anything to do with the manufacturing of U. S. coins and medals. Richardson made the early Indian Peace medals, as you undoubtedly know.

Hope that you appreciate the material being ~~sends~~ sent, and that Evelyn is happy with the whole deal. Very best personal regards to you both.

Sincerely,

John J. Ford, Jr.

JJF:dn

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November 16, 1959

Mr.Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores,Inc.
315 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Eric:

It certainly was nice to chat with you and Evelyn yesterday, and I firmly believe that the air is a little clearer. Just be patient with us, and I think that we will make a very happy fellow out of you.

Enclosed you will find our invoice for the collection of F. C. C. Boyd's spoons. Please make the payment checks as indicated on the invoice; $1250.00 to Mrs. Boyd, and $50.00 to New Netherlands, sending both checks to me at this office.

I shall talk to Mrs. Boyd tomorrow about any additional spoons she might have, and see if I can get them included in this deal. For that reason, hold up payment on this initial shipment, until you hear from me.

The spoons were shipped to you today, but without the suitcase they were in, as we found it too difficult to pack them in that container. We are sending you our Thorn book on Silver Hall Marks under separate cover.

As per your request, we are also enclosing herewith our statement covering your account outstanding.

Hope that you find the spoons interesting, and that Evelyn gets a kick out of them.

Very best personal regards.

Sincerely,

NEW NETHERLANDS COIN CO.,INC.

John J.Ford, Jr.

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